

KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHARMACY

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**July 14, 2026
10:00 a.m. EST**

Board Retreat Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. MINUTES**
 - a. May 20, 2026
 - b. June 25, 2026 Special Called Meeting
- III. 201 KAR 2:440 Comments to Proposed Amendments**
- IV. TOPICS**
 - a. Role of Pharmacy Technicians in Loading Automated Dispensing Systems within Health Systems
 - b. Shared Services
 - c. Standard of Care Regulatory Model
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Board of Pharmacy
(Amendment)

201 KAR 2:300. Shared pharmacy services & Common database.

RELATES TO: KRS 315.020, 315.035, 315.0351

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 315.035, 315.191(1)(a), (f)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: This is to certify that this administrative regulation complies with the requirements of 2025 RS HB 6, Section 8.

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 315.035 and 315.0351 require that prescription drugs, medicines, and pharmaceuticals be dispensed or manufactured by a licensed pharmacist. KRS 315.191(1)(a) and (f) authorize the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to promulgate administrative regulations pertaining to pharmacies; pharmacists; and the storage, retrieval, dispensing, refilling, and transfer of prescription drug orders. This administrative regulation establishes minimum requirements for prescription drug orders within and between pharmacists and pharmacies.

Section 1. Definition.

(1) "Common Database" means information shared among pharmacists and pharmacies for the purpose of dispensing medications or providing other forms of pharmacist care to a patient.

(12) "Shared Pharmacy Services" means the activities provided on behalf of another pharmacy for the purpose of dispensing medications utilizing a common database.

Section 2. The use of a common database shall not constitute a transfer as established in 201 KAR 2:165, provided that the following conditions are met:

(1) All pharmacies involved in the transactions pursuant to which the prescription is dispensed shall:

(a) be under common ownership ~~and utilize a common database; or~~

(b) have a written contract or agreement that outlines the services provided and the shared responsibilities of each pharmacy in complying with all state and federal laws; and

(c) share a common electronic file or technology that allows access to information necessary or required to perform shared pharmacy services.

(2) All pharmacies involved in the transactions pursuant to which the prescription is dispensed and all pharmacies engaging in dispensing functions shall be properly permitted in Kentucky pursuant to KRS 315.035 or 315.0351;

(3) The common database shall maintain a record of all pharmacists, pharmacist interns, and pharmacy technicians involved in the process of dispensing a prescription;

(4) ~~A pharmacy engaged in shared pharmacy services~~ ~~The owner of the common database shall:~~

(a) maintain a policy and procedure manual that governs its participating pharmacies, pharmacists, and pharmacy employees and that is available to the board or its agents upon request within five (5) business days and which shall include:

(a) A procedure detailing how each pharmacy and each pharmacist accessing the common database shall comply with applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations;

(b) The procedure for maintaining appropriate records for regulatory oversight for tracking a prescription during each stage of the filling and dispensing process, identifying the pharmacists involved in filling and dispensing the prescription and counseling the patient, and responding to any requests for information made by the board;

(c) The policy and procedure for providing adequate security to protect the confidentiality and integrity of patient information; and

(d) A quality assurance program designed to objectively and systemically monitor, evaluate, and improve the quality and appropriateness of patient care through the use of a common database; and

(b) Maintain a system that adequately protects the confidentiality of patient information; and

(c) Provide adequate patient notification which shall include:

(i) Notify the patient or the patient's caregiver that their prescriptions may be processed at an alternative pharmacy;

(ii) Provide the name of the contract pharmacy or common ownership pharmacy upon request. If the pharmacy is part of a network of commonly owned pharmacies that may participate in dispensing the prescription, the patient shall be notified of this fact;

(iii) Such notification may be provided through a one-time written notice to the patient or through use of a sign in the pharmacy; and

(iv) obtain an initial one-time consent to provide pharmacy services on current and future prescriptions for shared pharmacy services not under common ownership. Such consent shall be obtained in writing or electronically and documented within the patient's profile.

(5) A pharmacist dispensing a prescription shall at all times exercise independent professional judgment and shall be responsible for his or her actions and the professional actions of those individuals the pharmacist is required to supervise.

(6) This regulation shall not apply to pharmacy services in a Central Fill Pharmacy or pharmacists engaged in Telework.